PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61047

Masaru HOSHINO

Appln. No.: 109/676,490

Group Art Unit: 2621

Confirmation No.: 4937

Examiner: Patrick L. Edwards

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For:

AN IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, AN IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND A COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM HAVING RECORDED THEREON A PROCESSING PROGRAM FOR PERMITTING A COMPUTER TO PERFORM IMAGE PROCESSING

ROUTINES

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 SEP 2 4 2004

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of April 27, 2004 to September 27, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of \$420.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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